



Atlanta City Council District 5

Cabbagetown
East Atlanta
East Lake
Edgewood
Kirkwood
Lake Claire
Ormewood
Reynoldstown

Van Epps

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CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT PROFILE '06

PARKS

Bessie Branham Park
Brownwood Park
Cabbagetown Park
Coan Park
East Lake Park
Esther Peachey Lefever /
Cabbagetown Block Park
Gilliam Park
Hurt Park
Kirkwood Dixie
Lake Claire Park
Lang-Carson Park
Oakland Cemetery
Rawson-Washington Park
Selena S. Butler Park
Walker Park



City Council District 5 is a diverse community of people that contains nine neighborhoods and all or part of neighborhood planning units (NPU)s M, N, O and W. The District is experiencing rapid change in many communities.

District 5 contains less park acreage than all but two other Council Districts. The average Council District contains slightly more than 297 acres; District 5 contains 130. Historic Oakland Cemetery is the largest park in District 5 and contains more than 35% of the District's parkland. The District's next largest park, Coan, is less than 15 acres. Coan Park and Rec. Center host the City's programs for special needs kids and will be the site of the city's first Boundless Playground. No Council District has more recreation centers than District 5.

Several District 5 communities are very active in their parks. Kirkwood has adopted Gilliam and Bessie Branham Parks. The community also is working to create the East Side Greenway. East Lake developed a master plan for their park through Park Pride's visioning program and has begun to implement the plan through volunteer work and corporate support. East Atlanta has completed a master plan for Brownwood Park, which houses the City's only community garden. Cabbagetown built a new park and community center on the site of a former school. Lake Claire recently embarked on a kudzu eradication project in their park and worked with Councilmember Archibong to have the City acquire greenway access to Frazier Forest.

The Atlanta BeltLine project would have a significant impact on the west side of District 5. The BeltLine Trail will pass through Cabbagetown and Reynoldstown. While not contained in the Atlanta BeltLine Redevelopment Plan, Hulsey Yards may provide the opportunity for transforming a rail yard into a mixed-use development with significant park acreage. The Trust for Public Land's "Emerald Necklace" report on the BeltLine made just this recommendation.



The quality of life of a great city is determined by the character of its public spaces, where residents meet, shop, do business, play or simply wander. Within the public realm, no area plays a more important role in our quality of life than parks and greenspace.

Each and every day, parks and greenspace improve Atlanta's quality of life. They clean the air, filter polluted water and help keep children off the street. Parks improve physical health, promote mental well-being and help children learn. Parks help reduce crime and strengthen the economy. Perhaps most importantly, parks unite neighbors, foster friendships and build community.

The City of Atlanta has 338 parks totaling 3570 acres. Atlanta's Park System is among the smallest park systems for a major American City. Among the nation's 25 largest cities, Atlanta has the smallest percentage of land dedicated to parks. The good news is that Atlanta has made significant investments in its park system in the last several years. The 2006 budget increased park funding by nearly \$3 million, a 10% increase. The BeltLine promises to add more than 1000 acres of new parks, and the City passed a three-year \$105 million bond for parks and greenspace. Given the commitment of the Mayor and Council, Atlanta's park future appears bright.

FAST FACTS - DISTRICT 5

Number of Parks	26
Parks ≥ 1 Acre	14
Total Park Acres	130.18
Largest Park	Oakland Cemetery
Playgrounds	11
Ballfields	5
Tennis Courts	16
Outdoor Basketball Courts	8
Recreation Centers	6